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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to record my dissatisfaction with the proposed Microsoft Settlement. It simply does not go far enough in ensuring competition in the computer operating systems, middleware and applications markets that Microsoft dominates.

In particular, the settlement defines key terms such as "API" and "middleware" so narrowly as to make any imposed restrictions almost meaningless. Also, the enforcement provisions of the settlement do not appear to have any powers to fine or otherwise punish Microsoft if it does break the terms of the agreement (short of involving the US legal system again).

For a more detailed analysis that agrees with my views, please refer to Mr. Dan Kegel's analysis at <http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html#enforcement>

I believe the outcome of this procedure should do nothing short of enabling true competition in the Operating Systems , Middleware and Applications markets. The settlement as proposed does effectively nothing to alleviate the monopoly powers that Microsoft has shown itself only too willing to abuse.

Thank you for your consideration.

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